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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please renumber originally filed claims as 1-40 because there is no claim 17 originally filed, and then enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert --The present application claims priority as a continuation application to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/433,352, filed November 4, 1999, which in turn claims priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/017,197, filed February 2, 1998.—

delete lines 21-30 in their entirety;

line 21, insert the following:

-- The present invention relates to an apparatus for transporting articles, such as hand tools and similar items, between desired locations.

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When working in fields such as carpentry and other similar trades, it is often necessary to work in a number of different locations on one job site. For example, during a given work day, a carpenter may be required to undertake activities in a number of different rooms in a house he or she is working on. Most tradesmen hand carry their tools in toolboxes and other similar containers from location to location. Many times, the activities undertaken require more tools than can be easily carried from one location to another in one trip.--

Page 2, delete lines 1-3 in their entirety;

delete lines 8-9 in their entirety;

line 8, insert the following:

-- It is therefore an object of the invention to provide an improved device for transporting articles between locations. To achieve this object, the present invention provides an apparatus for transporting articles. The apparatus comprises a base container having an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored; one or more rotatable ground engaging wheels mounted for rotation about an axis to provide rolling support for the apparatus; and a removable container having an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored. The removable container has a carrying handle that is manually graspable to enable carriage of the removable container. The removable container is removably mounted the base container and the removable container is removable for carriage by the carrying handle separately from the base container. A latch assembly secures the removable container above the base container. The latch assembly is releasable to enable removal of the removable container by the carrying handle for carriage separately from the base container. A manually engageable pulling handle has a hand grip portion. The pulling handle and the one or more ground engaging wheels are arranged on one side of the apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp the hand grip portion and pull the pulling handle generally rearwardly so as to tilt the apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein the apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein the apparatus is rollingly supported by the ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll the apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling the pulling handle in a desired direction.

The feature of providing a removable container is particularly advantageous because it allows the user to carry the removable container from to a desired location that would be otherwise inaccessible for the entire apparatus, such as a small crawl space. Otherwise, the tools would have to be removed from the apparatus and carried by hand. This aspect is particularly useful when the removable container has a handle, such as a toolbox. The removable container, whether it be a set of sliding drawers, a toolbox, a top loading bin, or some other type of container, can be removed and the load to be carried can be disposed on the base container, thus allowing the apparatus to act as a regular load carrying device.

Another aspect of the invention provides an apparatus for transporting articles. The apparatus comprises a base container having an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored; one or more ground engaging wheels mounted for rotation about an axis to enable the apparatus to be rollingly transported; and one or more removable containers removably mounted in a stacked relation directly atop the base container. The one or more removable containers comprising a toolbox having (i) a container portion with an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored, the container portion having a generally upwardly facing opening, (ii) a pivoting lid pivotally mounted to the container portion, the lid being pivotable between an open position permitting access into container portion through the generally upwardly facing opening thereof and a closed position preventing access into container portion through the generally upwardly facing opening thereof, and (iii) a manually graspable carrying handle enabling carriage of the toolbox. The toolbox is removable for carriage by the carrying handle separately from the base container. The apparatus also comprises a manually engageable pulling handle having a hand grip portion. The pulling handle and the one or more ground engaging wheels are arranged on one side of the apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp the hand grip portion and pull the pulling handle generally rearwardly so as to tilt the apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein the apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein the apparatus is rollingly supported by the ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll the apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling the pulling handle in a desired direction.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides an apparatus for transporting articles. The apparatus of this aspect of the invention comprises a base container having an interior space with an upwardly facing opening in which articles to be transported can be stored; one or more ground engaging wheels mounted to the base container for rotation about an axis to enable the apparatus to be rollingly transported; and a toolbox having (i) a container portion with an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored, the container portion having a generally upwardly facing opening, (ii) a pivoting lid pivotally mounted to an upper rearward portion of the container portion, the lid being pivotable between an open position permitting access into container portion through the generally upwardly facing opening thereof and a closed position preventing access into container portion through the generally upwardly facing opening thereof, (iii) latches on a front side of the toolbox, the latches releasably latching the lid in the closed position thereof and (iv) a carrying handle mounted to the lid and manually graspable to enable carriage of the toolbox. The toolbox is removably mounted above the upwardly facing opening of the base container and is removable for carriage by the carrying handle separately from the base container. A latch assembly comprises a pair of latches on opposing lateral sides of the apparatus. The latches of the latch assembly secure the toolbox above the base container and are releasable to enable removal of the toolbox by the carrying handle for carriage separately from the base container. A manually engageable pulling handle has a hand grip portion. The pulling handle is movable between a storage position and a deployed position. The pulling handle extends upwardly from one side of the apparatus when in the deployed position and the one or more ground engaging wheels are arranged on the same the one side of the apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp the hand grip portion and pull the pulling handle in the deployed position thereof generally rearwardly so as to tilt the apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein the apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein the apparatus is rollingly supported by the ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll the apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling the pulling handle in a desired direction.--

Page 11, line 2, delete "is of" and insert --relates to an apparatus for transporting articles, or--;

line 2, after "assembly" insert --,--;

line 23, after "a" insert --fixed container or--.

Page 12, line 1, after "of" insert --ground engaging--;

line 2, delete "pulling" and insert --manually engageable--;

line 3, after "50." insert --Together, the cabinet 52, the wheels 54, 56, and the handle 5b may be considered a wheeled device.--;

line 4, delete "shaped" and insert --shaped,--;

line 9, after "58" (first occurrence), insert --in the form of a removable container--;

line 10, after "52." insert --Specifically, the upper surface of the base cabinet 52 provides container supporting structure and the additional cabinet 58 is removably mounted atop this structure.--;

line 18, before "reel" insert --coil storage device in the form of a--.

Page 13, line 6, after "with" insert -- a latch assembly including a pair of latches or--.

line 7, after "extra stability." insert --This latch assembly secures the removable container (whether it be the toolbox, the storage drawer assembly, or both secured together) above the base container. The latch assembly is releaseable to enable removal of the removable container by the carrying handle 92 for carriage separately from the base container. Specifically, the latches 66 move between latched positions wherein the latches 66 engage the removable container to secure it above the base container and unlatched positions out of engagement with the removable container to release the removable container.--

Page 16, line 10, after "one" insert --releasable--;

line 11, before "securing/locking" insert --releasably--.

Page 19, line 5, after "casing" insert --or frame--;

line 7, after "casing" insert --or frame--;

line 10, after "Casing" insert --or frame--;

after line 15, insert the following:

--Casing 126 and casing 114 may each be considered to be a frame or frame portion, and together may be considered to be a frame assembly irrespective of whether the casing portions or frame portions 114, 126 can be separated from one another. In the preferred embodiment, as shown, the frame assembly can be separated into portions 114, 126.---

Page 22, line 4, after “a” insert --hub or--;

line 6, delete “154” and insert --158--;

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line 11, after “154.” insert --The exterior surface of core 54 defines a coil supporting surface and the inner surfaces of the flanges 152, 156 active coil retaining surfaces. As can be appreciated, when a flexible member, such as an extension cord, is wound about the hub 154, the flanges (i.e., the coil retaining surfaces) restrain the coiled member against lateral movement with respect to the hub 154.--

Page 23, after line 5, insert the following paragraph:

--It can be appreciated from the figures that a guiding aperture 171 is provided on the base cabinet 52 adjacent the reel 64. As can be readily understood from the figures, this aperture 171 is provided so that a flexible elongated extension cord member wound on the reel 64 can be fed through the aperture 171 as the member pays out from the reel 64.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-40.

Please add new claims 41-88 as follows:

--41. (New) An apparatus for transporting articles, comprising:
a base container having an interior space in which articles to be transported
can be stored,
one or more rotatable ground engaging wheels mounted for rotation about an
axis to provide rolling support for said apparatus;

a removable container having an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored, said removable container having a carrying handle that is manually graspable to enable carriage of said removable container;

said removable container being removably mounted said base container, said removable container being removable for carriage by said carrying handle separately from said base container;

a latch assembly securing said removable container above said base container, said latch assembly being releasable to enable removal of said removable container by said carrying handle for carriage separately from said base container;

a manually engageable pulling handle having a hand grip portion, said pulling handle and said one or more ground engaging wheels being arranged on one side of said apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp said hand grip portion and pull said pulling handle generally rearwardly so as to tilt said apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein said apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein said apparatus is rollingly supported by said ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll said apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling said pulling handle in a desired direction.

42. (New) An apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said latch assembly comprises a pair of latches connected on opposing sides of one of said base and removable containers, said latches being movable between latched positions wherein said latches engage the other of said base and removable storage containers to secure said removable container above said base container and unlatched positions out of engagement with the other of said base and removable containers to release said removable container.

43. (New) An apparatus according to claim 42, said latches engage the other of said base and removable containers in a snapping relation in the latched positions thereof.

44. (New) An apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said latches are connected on opposing sides of said base container and engage said removable container in said latched positions thereof.

46. (New) An apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said carrying handle is provided on the pivoting lid of said toolbox.

48. (New) An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said lid has an upwardly facing, elongated recess extending across an upwardly facing surface thereof, said recess being configured to receive and support a workpiece therein.

50. (New) An apparatus according to claim 49, wherein measurement markings are provided on said planar surfaces to enable a user to measure a workpiece received in said recess.

51. (New) An apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said removable container further comprises a storage drawer assembly removably mounted above said base container and wherein said toolbox is mounted above said storage drawer assembly, said toolbox being secured to said storage drawer assembly such that said toolbox and said storage drawer assembly remain secured together during removal of said removable container for carriage by said carrying handle, said storage drawer assembly comprising:

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a storage drawer for each of said one or more drawer receiving spaces, each of said drawers having a generally upwardly facing access opening permitting access into said drawer,

each said storage drawer being mounted within an associated said drawer receiving space such that each drawer is movable between (a) an open position wherein said drawer extends outwardly from said frame to permit access into said drawer through said generally upwardly facing access opening and (b) a closed position wherein said drawer is received within said frame to prevent access into said drawer through said access opening.

52. (New) An apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said toolbox is removably secured to said storage drawer assembly for carriage by said carrying handle separately from said storage drawer assembly and said base container.

53. (New) An apparatus according to claim 52, wherein said removable container further comprises a latch assembly securing said toolbox to said storage drawer assembly, said latch assembly of said removable container being movable in a releasing manner to release said toolbox to enable removal of said toolbox from said storage drawer assembly for carriage by said carrying handle thereof separately from said storage drawer assembly and said base container.

54. (New) An apparatus according to claim 53, wherein said latch assembly of said removable container comprises a pair of latches connected on opposing sides of said storage drawer assembly, said latches of said toolbox latch assembly being movable between latched positions wherein said latches engage said toolbox to secure said toolbox to said storage drawer assembly and unlatched positions out of engagement with said toolbox to release said toolbox.

55. (New) An apparatus according to claim 54, wherein said toolbox latches engage said toolbox in a snapping relation in the latched positions thereof.

56. (New) An apparatus according to claim 51, wherein each of said drawers has a drawer latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures its associated drawer in said closed position thereof, and (b) an unlatched

57. (New) An apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said toolbox is mounted directly above said base container.

59. (New) An apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said base container comprises a cabinet having a generally forwardly facing opening and at least one pivotally mounted door selectively movable between an open position permitting access into said cabinet and a closed position preventing access into said cabinet.

61. (New) An apparatus according to claim 60, wherein said door pivots about an axis that extends generally laterally adjacent a bottom edge of said forwardly facing openings.

62. (New) An apparatus according to claim 61, wherein said cabinet has a door latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures said door in said closed position thereof and (b) an unlatched position wherein said latch releases said door for movement from said closed position thereof to said open position thereof.

63. (New) An apparatus according to claim 61, wherein said base container further comprises a bin having an open top, said pivotally mounted door providing one side of said bin and the pivotal mounting of said door providing for pivotal movement of said bin such that, when said door is in said open position thereof, said bin is pivoted

64. (New) An apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said handle is connected directly to said base container.

66. (New) An apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said one or more wheels are fixedly attached to said base container.

one or more ground engaging wheels mounted for rotation about an axis to enable said apparatus to be rollingly transported;

a latch assembly comprising a pair of latches on opposing lateral sides of said apparatus, said latches of said latch assembly securing said toolbox above said base container

and being releasable to enable removal of said toolbox by said carrying handle for carriage separately from said base container; and

a manually engageable pulling handle having a hand grip portion, said pulling handle being movable between a storage position and a deployed position, said pulling handle extending upwardly from one side of said apparatus when in said deployed position, said one or more ground engaging wheels being arranged on the same said one side of said apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp said hand grip portion and pull said pulling handle in said deployed position thereof generally rearwardly so as to tilt said apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein said apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein said apparatus is rollingly supported by said ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll said apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling said pulling handle in a desired direction.

68. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein the latches on the front side of said toolbox comprises a pair of latches on said pivoting lid, said pair of latches being engageable with said container portion to releasably latch said lid in the closed position thereof.

69. (New) An apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said lid has an upwardly facing, elongated recess extending across an upwardly facing surface thereof, said recess being configured to receive and support a workpiece therein.

70. (New) An apparatus according to claim 69, wherein said recess has a triangular cross-section shape defined by two planar surfaces intersecting with one another.

71. (New) An apparatus according to claim 70, wherein measurement markings are provided on said planar surfaces to enable a user to measure a workpiece received in said recess.

72. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein said toolbox is removably mounted directly above said base container.

73. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

a storage drawer assembly mounted above said base container and below said toolbox, said latch assembly removably securing said toolbox above said storage drawer assembly, said storage drawer assembly comprising:

a drawer supporting frame having one or more drawer receiving spaces; and

a storage drawer for each of said one or more drawer receiving spaces, each of said drawers having a generally upwardly facing access opening permitting access into said drawer,

each said storage drawer being mounted within an associated said drawer receiving space such that each drawer is selectively movable between (a) an open position wherein said drawer extends outwardly from said frame to permit access into said drawer through said generally upwardly facing access opening and (b) a closed position wherein said drawer is received within said frame to prevent access into said drawer through said access opening.

74. (New) An apparatus according to claim 73, wherein said latches are connected on opposing sides of said storage drawer assembly, said latches engaging said toolbox in said latched positions thereof to secure said toolbox above said storage drawer assembly and being disengaged from said toolbox in said unlatched positions thereof to release said toolbox for removal from said storage drawer assembly.

75. (New) An apparatus according to claim 73, said latches engage the toolbox in a snapping relation in the latched positions thereof.

76. (New) An apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said storage drawer assembly is removably mounted above said base container, said apparatus further comprising another latch assembly securing said storage drawer assembly above said base container, said another latch assembly being releasable to enable removal of said storage drawer assembly for carriage separately from said base container.

77. (New) An apparatus according to claim 76, wherein said another latch assembly comprises a pair of latches connected on opposing sides of said base container, said latches of said another latch assembly being movable between latched positions wherein said latches engage said storage drawer assembly to secure said storage drawer assembly above

said base container and unlatched positions out of engagement with said storage drawer assembly to release said storage drawer assembly.

78. (New) An apparatus according to claim 77, wherein said latches of said another latch assembly engage said storage drawer assembly in a snapping relation in the latched positions thereof.

79. (New) An apparatus according to claim 73, wherein each of said drawers has a drawer latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures its associated drawer in said closed position thereof, and (b) an unlatched position wherein said drawer latch releases said drawer for movement to said open position thereof.

80. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein said base container comprises a cabinet having a generally forwardly facing opening and at least one pivotally mounted door selectively movable between an open position permitting access into said cabinet and a closed position preventing access into said cabinet.

81. (New) An apparatus according to claim 80, wherein said cabinet has only one pivotally mounted door.

82. (New) An apparatus according to claim 81, wherein said door pivots about an axis that extends generally laterally adjacent a bottom edge of said forwardly facing openings.

83. (New) An apparatus according to claim 82, wherein said cabinet has a door latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures said door in said closed position thereof and (b) an unlatched position wherein said latch releases said door for movement from said closed position thereof to said open position thereof.

84. (New) An apparatus according to claim 83, wherein said base container further comprises a bin having an open top, said pivotally mounted door providing one side of said bin and the pivotal mounting of said door providing for pivotal movement of

85. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein said handle is connected directly to said base container.

87. (New) An apparatus according to claim 67, wherein said one or more wheels are fixedly attached to said base container.

one or more ground engaging wheels mounted to said base container for rotation about an axis to enable said apparatus to be rollingly transported;

a latch assembly comprising a pair of latches on opposing lateral sides of said apparatus, said latches of said latch assembly securing said toolbox above said base container

and being releasable to enable removal of said toolbox by said carrying handle for carriage separately from said base container; and

a manually engageable pulling handle having a hand grip portion, said pulling handle being movable between a storage position and a deployed position, said pulling handle extending upwardly from one side of said apparatus when in said deployed position, said one or more ground engaging wheels being arranged on the same said one side of said apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp said hand grip portion and pull said pulling handle in said deployed position thereof generally rearwardly so as to tilt said apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein said apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein said apparatus is rollingly supported by said ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll said apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling said pulling handle in a desired direction.

89. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, further comprising an accessory connected to said base container, said accessory having a relatively narrow portion adjacent to said base container and a relatively wider portion extending vertically in spaced relation from said base container.

90. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein the latches on the front side of said toolbox comprises a pair of latches on said pivoting lid, said pair of latches being engageable with said container portion to releasably latch said lid in the closed position thereof.

91. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein said toolbox is removably mounted directly above said base container.

92. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein the latches of said latch assembly engage the toolbox in a snapping relation in the latched positions thereof.

93. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein said handle is connected directly to said base container.

94. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein said handle is connected directly to said toolbox.

95. (New) An apparatus according to claim 88, wherein said one or more wheels are fixedly attached to said base container.

96. (New) An apparatus for transporting articles, comprising:
a base container having an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored;

one or more ground engaging wheels mounted for rotation about an axis to enable said apparatus to be rollingly transported;

one or more removable containers removably mounted in a stacked relation directly atop said base container, said one or more removable containers including a toolbox having (i) a container portion with an interior space in which articles to be transported can be stored, said container portion having a generally upwardly facing opening, (ii) a lid pivotally mounted to said container portion, said lid being pivotable between an open position permitting access into container portion through said generally upwardly facing opening thereof and a closed position preventing access into container portion through said generally upwardly facing opening thereof, and (iii) a carrying handle enabling carriage of said toolbox, said toolbox being removable for carriage by said carrying handle separately from said base container; and

a manually engageable pulling handle having a hand grip portion, said pulling handle and said one or more ground engaging wheels being arranged on one side of said apparatus to enable a user to manually grasp said hand grip portion and pull said pulling handle generally rearwardly so as to tilt said apparatus rearwardly from (a) a substantially upright position wherein said apparatus is supported in a freestanding manner to (b) a tilted rolling movement position wherein said apparatus is rollingly supported by said ground engaging wheels, thereby enabling the user to roll said apparatus to a desired location by pushing or pulling said pulling handle in a desired direction.

97. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said toolbox comprises a pair of latches on said pivoting lid, said pair of latches being engageable with said container portion to releasably latch said lid in the closed position thereof.

99. (New) An apparatus according to claim 98, wherein said recess has a triangular cross-section shape defined by two planar surfaces intersecting with one another.

101. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said toolbox is the only removable container in said one or more removable containers, said toolbox being removably mounted in said stacked relation directly above said base container.

102. (New) An apparatus according to claim 101, further comprising a latch assembly securing said toolbox in said stacked relation above said base container, said latch assembly being releasable to enable removal of said toolbox by said carrying handle for carriage separately from said base container.

103. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said one or more removable containers further comprises a storage drawer assembly removably mounted in said stacked relation directly atop said base container, said toolbox being removably mounted in said stacked relation directly atop said storage drawer assembly, said storage drawer assembly comprising:

a drawer supporting frame having one or more drawer receiving spaces; and

a storage drawer for each of said one or more drawer receiving spaces, each of said drawers having a generally upwardly facing access opening permitting access into said drawer,

each said storage drawer being mounted within an associated said drawer receiving space such that each drawer is selectively movable between (a) an open position wherein said drawer extends outwardly from said frame to permit access into said drawer

through said generally upwardly facing access opening and (b) a closed position wherein said drawer is received within said frame to prevent access into said drawer through said access opening.

104. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, further comprising:

a latch assembly securing said storage drawer assembly in said stacked relation directly above said base container, said latch assembly being releasable to enable removal of said storage drawer assembly for carriage separately from said base container; and

another latch assembly securing said toolbox in said stacked relation directly above said storage drawer assembly, said another latch assembly being releasable to enable removal of said toolbox for carriage by said carrying handle thereof separately from said base container.

105. (New) An apparatus according to claim 104, wherein said latch assembly comprises a pair of latches connected on opposing sides of said base container, said latches of said latch assembly being movable between latched positions wherein said latches engage said storage drawer assembly to secure said storage drawer assembly in said stacked relation above said base container and unlatched positions out of engagement with said storage drawer assembly to release said storage drawer assembly.

106. (New) An apparatus according to claim 105, wherein said another latch assembly comprises a pair of latches connected on opposing sides of said storage drawer assembly, said latches of said another latch assembly being movable between latched positions wherein said latches engage said toolbox to secure said toolbox in said stacked relation above said storage drawer assembly and unlatched positions out of engagement with said toolbox to release said toolbox.

107. (New) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein each of said drawers has a drawer latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures its associated drawer in said closed position thereof, and (b) an unlatched position wherein said drawer latch releases said drawer for movement to said open position thereof.

108. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said base container comprises a cabinet having a generally forwardly facing opening and at least one pivotally mounted door selectively movable between an open position permitting access into said cabinet and a closed position preventing access into said cabinet.

109. (New) An apparatus according to claim 108, wherein said cabinet has only one pivotally mounted door.

110. (New) An apparatus according to claim 109, wherein said door pivots about an axis that extends generally laterally adjacent a bottom edge of said forwardly facing openings.

111. (New) An apparatus according to claim 110, wherein said cabinet has a door latch movable between (a) a latched position wherein said latch releasably secures said door in said closed position thereof and (b) an unlatched position wherein said latch releases said door for movement from said closed position thereof to said open position thereof.

112. (New) An apparatus according to claim 111, wherein said base container further comprises a bin having an open top, said pivotally mounted door providing one side of said bin and the pivotal mounting of said door providing for pivotal movement of said bin such that, when said door is in said open position thereof, said bin is pivoted outwardly from the forwardly facing opening of said cabinet to enable access through the open top thereof and such that, when said door is in said closed position thereof, said bin is pivoted inwardly into the forwardly facing opening of said cabinet to prevent access through said open top thereof.

113. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said handle is connected directly to said base container.

114. (New) An apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said handle is connected directly to said toolbox.

REMARKS

An early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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